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NOTIFICATION OF PROJECT APPROVAL

PROJECT: **AEPOLE**

ACTION		AREA
	NEW PROJECT	DIVISION SR
	AMENDMENT NO.	
X	RENEWAL (FY 1960)	BRANCH 2
	TERMINATION	DESK
	MEMO REQUEST	

AUTHORIZATION

APPROVING AUTHORITY DDP/C/PG	7 MAR 1960	AMOUNT C 7	FISCAL YEAR 1960
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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Renewal in the amount of **C 7** for FY 1960 approved.

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PP PROJECT ACTION SHEET

I PROJECT CRYPTONYM **AEPOL**

	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION	SR
	AMENDMENT No.	BRANCH	2
X	RENEWAL FY 19 60	DESK	LITHUANIAN
	TERMINATION	CASE OFFICER	C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • EXT. 8545

II DIVISION CONCURRENCES

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	SIGNATURE TYPED & SIGNED	COPY NO.	DATE	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
				YES	NO	DATE
CSR/2	15/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7207 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7			16 Nov 59
SR/BF	15/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7				
SR/BS	15/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7				19 Nov 59
SR/COP/PP	15/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7				19 Jan 60
SR/COP	15/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7				24 Feb 60
D CSR	15/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7				24 Feb 60

III CONCURRENCES – OTHER DIVISIONS AND OFFICES

DDP/PG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7		7 Mar '60	

IV APPROVAL

SUBJECT PROJECT ACTION IS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ FOR FY 19 60
 FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS ACTION ARE AVAILABLE FROM WITHIN THE CURRENT ALLOCATIONS TO
 THE DIVISION.

Chief, DDP/PG	15/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7	7 March 1960
APPROVING AUTHORITY	SIGNATURE		DATE

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REQUEST FOR PROJECT RENEWAL

1. TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED:
2. AMOUNT IN WHICH PROJECT WAS INCLUDED IN THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAM:
3. STATEMENT OF FUNDS APPROVED AND OBLIGATED BY FISCAL YEAR SINCE PROJECT INITIATION:
 - a. Payment to VLIK (The Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania) since initiation of the project in 1949 until the end of FY 1953 for PP activities and marginal PI purposes, approximately:

	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>OBLIGATED</u>
b. FY 1954 -	<input type="text"/>	Operational Program	<input type="text"/> (AEPOLB)
c. FY 1955 -	<input type="text"/>	DD/P	<input type="text"/> (AEPOLB)
d. FY 1956 -	<input type="text"/>	DD/P	<input type="text"/> (AEPOLB)
e. FY 1957 -	<input type="text"/>	C/PP	<input type="text"/> (AEPOLB)
f. FY 1958 -	<input type="text"/>	C/PP	<input type="text"/> (AEPOLB)
g. FY 1959 -	<input type="text"/>	C/PP	<input type="text"/> (AEPOLB)

4. PROJECT DATA:

a. Current objectives.

- (1) Project AEPOLB covers the following activities directed against the Lithuanian SSR: radio broadcasts, mailing operations, controlled correspondence operations, PP missions for mounted and "piggy-back" REDSKIN operations, REDSKIN contact operations in the West, development of operations through emigre organizations, publication or acquisition of propaganda literature for use in REDSKIN and mailing operations, exploitation of other media such as demonstrations which have PP potential, and conduct of special operations and campaigns as required. In operations conducted through these media the following objectives are being pursued:
 - (a) To preserve the national identity of the Lithuanian people thereby helping them to resist assimilation into the Soviet society.

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- (b) To maintain among the Lithuanian people an attitude of irreconcilability toward International Communism and the Soviet regime dominating Lithuania today.
- (c) To maintain and enhance the pro-Western and pro-American orientation of the Lithuanian people.
- (d) To encourage revisionist tendencies among Lithuanian Communists.
- (e) To foster evolutionary changes by encouraging the Lithuanian people to seek continuous concessions from the Soviet regime in Lithuania.
- (f) To contribute by all possible means to the growth of intellectual ferment among the Lithuanian people.

(2) Operational mechanisms

- (a) Lithuanian section at Radio Madrid (Radio Nacional de Espana).
- (b) Lithuanian section at Radio Rome.
- (c) Lithuanian section at Radio Vatican
- (d) The Latvian-Lithuanian Union (a largely inactive organization in Western Germany utilized by Frankfurt Operations Base for mailing operations, demonstrations, etc).
- (e) VLIK (a world-wide Lithuanian anti-Communist emigre organization; contact is with the chairman and the secretary of the organization who are in New York).
- (f) FRCNTAS (a world-wide Lithuanian anti-Communist emigre organization; contact is with the chairman of the organization who is in New York).
- (g) Access is possible to various Lithuanian emigre newspapers and periodicals through a journalist contact, [] or through the heads of VLIK and FRCNTAS.

(3) Targets

The target of this project is the Lithuanian people in Lithuania; however, the Russian people are also considered to be an additional target for operations which can be directed at them through the Lithuanian people.

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b. Changes in operational mechanism.

- (1) Contact with VLIK was resumed after a two-year interruption. It was agreed that Agency support would be given only for specific operations and not for the over-all activities of the organization.
- (2) New personnel acquired:

██████████ S-3652, 17 July 1959, has been under contract at \$100 per month since 1 August 1959. His primary value is as a writer plus the fact that he has numerous contacts in Lithuanian intellectual circles. He is qualified to prepare broadcast material, to translate and write propaganda pamphlets, to participate in KRESKIN contact operations and to organize mailing and correspondence operations.

- (3) Access to Radio Vatican is again available as a result of our rapprochement with VLIK.

c. Intelligence production.

Intelligence obtained through Project ARGOLE has been of value to KRESKIN operations and has included the acquisition of biographic and travel information as well as of KRESKIN leads themselves.

d. Analysis of effectiveness.

(1) Significant operational events:

- (a) Radio broadcasts were continued from Radio Madrid with a 15 minute original broadcast and a 15 minute repeat per day. Radio Rome broadcasts continued with a 20 minute program per day. An OSI report indicated that reception was technically on a par with VOA broadcasts. Last year a total of 95 reports on Radio Madrid and 80 reports on Radio Rome were obtained from Balts and from Spanish repatriants who had listened to these broadcasts in the Soviet Union.
- (b) Mailing operations from Frankfurt were carried on at an average of 800 letters per month.
- (c) A coordinated campaign involving radio, mail, and emigre leader assets was carried on in connection with the anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. The campaign was conducted in October and November 1956 and was coordinated with similar Latvian and Estonian campaigns.

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- (a) In November 1958 a special mailing campaign was inaugurated which involved a Lithuanian-American girl mailing special material to addressees in Lithuania. From an original mailing of 27 items, correspondence was inaugurated with 12 individuals.
- (b) A letters-to-the-editor campaign was conducted in April 1959 in connection with Khrushchev's offer of a non-aggression pact. Letters from Balta were printed in 10 West German newspapers.

(2) Consonance with Related Missions Directive.

Activities under AFPOLE are in line with Objective 2 under Priority A and Objective 1 under Priority B for the Soviet Union of the Related Missions Directive for Germany.

e. Cover, control and security.

The major cover problem under Project AFPOLE has involved the radio broadcasts. It was determined that substantial improvements in the Lithuanian broadcasts from Rome and Madrid could not be effected until some overt cover organization could be introduced. VLKK was the only logical possibility and negotiations with VLKK were therefore resumed. It was agreed that the Agency would support the radio broadcasts through VLKK. This support is known only to key individuals in the organization. Control over content should remain satisfactory as long as there is no change in the leadership of VLKK. Security should be improved at the radio stations because there will be no need for Agency personnel to contact the assets there. A weakness of this arrangement is the possibility that some member of VLKK could speak of our support; however, such a charge can be denied plausibly.

f. Assessment of indigenous agents.

There is no individual who could be considered a principal agent for this project. Indigenous agents are as follows:

- (1) AFPOLE/23 - is utilized directly by the Frankfurt case officer in Lithuanian mailing operations. Control over him, his motivation and his effectiveness appear to be good; however, there apparently has been only limited initiative displayed on his part.
- (2) AFPOLE/21 - has had occasional contact with the Frankfurt case officer who recruited him, receives his pay from the and receives his guidance from Headquarters. His

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effectiveness and motivation appear to be good. Control is based on his dependence on Agency financial support plus common anti-Communist interests. He has responded enthusiastically to Headquarters guidance.

(3) AEPOLC/22, AEPOLC/26, AEPOLC/27 - have had occasional contact with the Frankfurt case officer who recruited them. They receive their pay from the [] through a cutout. Guidance is sent from Headquarters. Effectiveness and motivation appear to be fair. Control has been adequate and they have responded favorably to Headquarters guidance.

g. American project personnel.*

(1) Headquarters

2 case officers

1 career agent

3 contract agents**

(2) Field

1 case officer

*All case officers and the career agent spend from one-fourth to one-third of their time on Project AEPOLC.

**The contract agents are on a part-time basis and receive from \$100 to \$120 per month. It is anticipated that two of them will be dropped by the end of FY 1960.

h. Liaison with intelligence services.

There has been no liaison with any intelligence services.

i. Interagency coordination.

No interagency coordination has been required.

j. Plans for ensuing year.

(1) It is anticipated that there will be a great increase in travel to and from Lithuania in the coming year based on the following information:

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- (a) Vilnius has been opened to foreigners for travel;
- (b) There has already been an increase this year in the number of Soviet Lithuanians traveling to the West;
- (c) Construction of tourist facilities in Lithuania has been reported;
- (d) A Soviet Lithuanian official announced that the University of Vilnius would soon accept non-Communist Lithuanians from abroad for study at the University.
- (e) A Soviet Lithuanian diplomat announced that the U.S. citizenship of Lithuanian-born Americans would soon be recognized.

Because of these facts which promise an increase in REDSKIN operations, the 88/2 Baltic Section is preparing to shift its PP effort to place major emphasis on the PP aspects of REDSKIN operations.

(2) REDSKIN operations

These operations will be handled in close cooperation with the FI personnel of the Lithuanian desk. Operations are planned to be mounted from both the United States and Western Europe. Emphasis will be on case officer briefing of travelers although agent assets and emigre organization contacts will be used for "piggy-back" operations and for contacting Soviet Lithuanian travelers to the West.

(3) Radio operations

It is expected that there will be a further improvement in the quality of the broadcasts from Radio Rome and Radio Madrid. Radio Vatican will supplement our propaganda capability as soon as negotiations are completed with VLIK and we are able to analyze the potential of this station. With VLIK providing the necessary cover we will be able to add special features and obtain better information on audience reaction. It is planned to eliminate eventually all Agency contact with assets at the radio stations and to handle all guidance through VLIK; this would strengthen the cover and security aspects of the broadcasts.

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(4) Emigre organization activities

It is planned to utilize our contact with VLIK for specific operations to include REDSKIN spotting, REDSKIN contact operations, support of radio broadcasts, demonstrations, political action and similar activities. In addition, we plan to contact selected leaders in the Lithuanian youth organizations, Santara and Ateitiniukai, for similar purposes.

(5) Controlled correspondence operations

It is planned to develop controlled correspondence operations utilizing Lithuanian youth, students and intellectuals to achieve eventual REDSKIN operations and to get PP material into Lithuania as well as to obtain biographic, postal and other information.

(6) Mailing operations

- (a) Mass mailing operations will be continued at one-fourth the level for FY 1959 (about 250 letters per month). Headquarters will continue to furnish the texts for these letters and will attempt to obtain a more selective approach.
- (b) Special campaigns such as the letters to West German newspapers concerning Khrushchev's statement on a non-aggression pact will be conducted when feasible.
- (c) The use of Soviet Lithuanians to distribute Russian language propaganda material is being investigated.
- (d) An operation involving printing in the West and periodic mailing from inside Lithuania of a pamphlet ostensibly coming from a liberal intellectual group or a strongly nationalistic group is under study.

(7) Special campaigns

A coordinated campaign involving radio, mail, traveler, emigre organization, emigre press and agent assets is planned in connection with the twentieth anniversary in 1969 of the Communist takeover in Lithuania.

(8) Purposes for which funds in excess of the obligated amount for FY 1959 are required:

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- (a) Salary increases to agents did not cover the whole of 1959 whereas they will do so in FY 1960.
- (b) Increased funds are required for REDSKIN operations for purpose of travel, purchase of information, obtaining printed material for distribution to Soviet Lithuanians, etc.
- (c) Funds are required in support of a special campaign on the twentieth anniversary of the Communist takeover in Lithuania.

k. Estimated expenses.

(1) Personnel:

(a) 3 US/EA -	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ 3,840.00
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(b) 5 FM/PA - AIRPOLE/21

AIRPOLE/22	
AIRPOLE/25	
AIRPOLE/26	
AIRPOLE/27	11,400.00

(c) Assistant for AIRPOLE/21 4,200.00

(d) Quarters for assistant for AIRPOLE/21 1,900.00

(2) Supplies, material and equipment:

- (a) Radio scripts and translations
- (b) Books and periodicals
- (c) Subscription to monitoring service
- (d) Office rent and expenses

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- (c) Printing of propaganda booklets, pamphlets, etc.
- (3) Other operational expenses:
 - (a) Purchase of services and information
 - (b) Area travel for field agents
 - (c) Field case officer travel
 - (d) Domestic travel for Headquarters case officers, contract agents and covert associates
 - (e) Frankfurt safe house
 - (f) Field mailing operations
 - (g) Special campaign on the twentieth anniversary of the Soviet takeover of Lithuania
 - (h) Entertainment of covert associates
- (4) ~~Emergency~~ payments (made to VLIK for specific operations to include contacting legal travelers, special radio campaigns, demonstrations, political action by emigre leaders, etc.).

TOTAL:

1. Field direction.

Case Officer -

5. DATA ACTIVITIES:

None.

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PROJECT CRYPTONYM

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PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA

FISCAL PERIOD COVERED

1 July

1959 THRU 30 JUNE 1960

MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION

RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION
SR DIVISION

POINT OF CONTROL (Hqrs. or name of Field Station)
Headquarters, Frankfurt, C

A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

INDICATE NUMBER AND TYPE OF PERSONNEL REQUIRED AND ESTIMATED TOTAL COMPENSATION FOR SALARY, ALLOWANCES, AND RELATED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. INCLUDE EVERYONE PAID FROM PROJECT. ATTACH PERSONNEL ANNEX IF NEW PROJECT T/O OR T/O ADJUSTMENTS ARE INVOLVED.

TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION		
	U.S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER	TOTAL
STAFF EMPLOYEES				Qtrs	
STAFF AGENTS					
CAREER AGENTS					
CONTRACT AGENTS	3	6	19,440	1,500	20,940
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER					
TOTAL A.					20,940

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

INDICATE AMOUNT REQUIRED IN APPLICABLE SPACES. IN THOSE PROJECTS WHERE THERE IS AN UNUSUAL REQUIREMENT FOR AGENCY SUPPORT, OR WHERE LONG LEAD-TIME ITEMS ARE REQUIRED, APPROPRIATE ANNEXES SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR ATTACHMENT TO THE PROJECT.

COMMO	CHEMICAL	QUARTERMASTER	OTHER SUPPLIES	SERVICES
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
MEDICAL	ORDNANCE	SPEC. DEVICES	OTHER EQPT.	SPACE

TOTAL B.

C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

INDICATE VOLUME AND NATURE OF EXPENSES.

Travel..... \$
Rent - 1 safehouse, 2 offices....
Operational entertainment.....
Scripts, translations.....
Books, periodicals.....
Subscriptions.....

Printing \$
Purchase of services, information..
Mailing Operation.....
Special Campaign.....
Payments to emigre group for
special services.....

TOTAL C.

D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS

IF FUNDS ARE TO BE TURNED OVER TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS IN LARGE LUMP SUMS TO BE EXPENDED BY THEM AT THEIR DISCRETION TO ACCOMPLISH AN AGREED-UPON OBJECTIVE, ATTACH ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN OR FISCAL ANNEX, AS APPROPRIATE. LIST GENERAL CATEGORIES OF EXPENSES TO BE COVERED BY SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS, INCLUDING ESTIMATED DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR EACH CATEGORY.

TOTAL D.

TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A+B+C+D) \$